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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: INAUGURAL FLIGHT OF U.S.-RUSSIA
TRANSIT AGREEMENT

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Classified By: Political Counselor Colin Cleary, reason 1.4 (b and d)

1. (C) Embassy delivered reftel talking points to Head of MFA's Military Technical Cooperation Unit Viktor Matsko on October 2. After confirming that the flight would carry materiel to Afghanistan and the proposed flight route, Matsko noted that he would not expect there to be any issues with the flight in Ukrainian air space. Matsko indicated that if there were any further questions, his government would reach out immediately, given the short timelines, and thanked the Embassy for the information provided. Matsko noted the strength of Ukraine's commitment to Allies' efforts in Afghanistan, and mentioned that the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine hopes to increase Ukrainian participation in ISAF. PETTIT